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Bart Preecs (bpreecs@makeyourownmedia.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I want to thank you for your efforts to forestall the new media consolidation rules. I know that you and Commissioner Copps did everything you could, but I fear you may have fought this battle with one hand behind your back.

I listened to your remarks at the Experience Music Project in March, and I was surprised to hear you repeat the conventional wisdom that spectrum was a scarce natural resource, that strong central regulation was needed to protect the public interest. Now that Chairman Powell has won approval for his plan to strengthen media monopolies, the fallacy of hoping for "effective regulation" should be clear.

The only way to protect the public interest in the future is to redefine the terms of the debate. If you're aren't familiar with the works of Yochai Benkler and Lawrence Lessig, I urge you to explore their thinking further. The technical and legal case for an unregulated spectrum commons, or as Benkler calls it, "open wireless networks" is quite powerful.

The conventional wisdom is that a resource held in common is a tragedy waiting to happen. Not true when it comes to spectrum. Benkler and others explain how a regulatory regime based on putting both receiving and transmitting power into the hands of end users reverses the tragedy. Give users the ability to relay or amplify each others messages and a paradox emerges: More users make it easier and better for other users.

Working with these theories will require new legislation from Congress. If you used your leadership position to promote this idea, you could make a real contribution. The American people have not been asked what kind of media and telecommunications system they want since the 1930s. Chairman Powell's efforts to reshape the nation's media landscape according to his warped vision of free-market fundamentalism has alerted the American people to the reality that they might -- might-- have a voice in these decisions.

With today's technology and today's pace of technology innovation, it's time to start asking fundamental questions. What do we want spectrum used for? Is an exclusive government license the best way to implement the First Amendment in the airwaves? What are the alternatives to the status quo?

Please, Commissioner Adelstein, consider taking the lead in asking these crucial questions.

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